

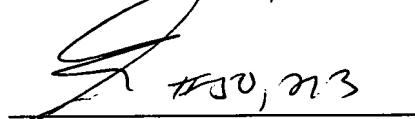
REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the Office Action of April 5, 2007. Claims 1-7 and 11-12 are now pending in the application. Claims 1-7 and 11-12 were rejected under 35 USC §103 as unpatentable over Porcelli (WO98/51022) in view of Cellier (6,019,318). Claims 1, and 5 had been amended to reflect an aspect of the invention not previously claimed, namely, the non-interference of each satellite in the subconstellation with geostationary satellites. Support for the amended claim element is found, *inter alia*, at ¶153.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that the amendments presented and arguments asserted herein place all of the pending claims 1-7 and 11-13 in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a telephonic or in-person conference would expedite prosecution of this application, he is invited to contact Applicant's counsel at the numbers listed below.

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